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Newsletter and Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors

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APRIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA:

The complete SANBAG Board of Directors Meeting Agenda is online at:

 www.sanbag.ca.gov/about/agenda.html

► SANBAG Board Names New Legal Counsel



Eileen Monaghan Teichert

The SANBAG Board of Directors named Eileen Monaghan Teichert as its first in-house attorney for San Bernardino Associated Governments, the Transportation Commission and Council of Governments for San Bernardino County. Teichert will assume her new position on May 19, 2012.

Teichert comes to SANBAG after serving the past six years as Sacramento City Attorney. Previously, she worked in the Riverside City Attorney's office for eight years, including four years as Supervising Deputy City Attorney and four years as Deputy City Attorney. Prior to working for the City of Riverside, Teichert was a Transactional/Business Litigation Attorney with Homan & Lobb, a Riverside law firm. She also worked as a Litigation Attorney/Bank General Counsel with Kinkle, Rodiger & Spriggs of Riverside.

Teichert received her Juris Doctor, cum laude, from the University of LaVerne College of Law, where she was Valedictorian and ranked No. 1 in her class. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Journalism from the University of Oregon, and her MBA from California State University San Bernardino.

Since the founding of SANBAG in 1973, the agency has obtained legal advice from the County of San Bernardino's legal counsel team.

► SANBAG Supports Transfer of Ontario International Airport to Local Control

The SANBAG Board adopted a Resolution requesting the cities of Los Angeles and Ontario to commit the necessary resources and efforts to transfer the ONT (Ontario Airport) to local control at the earliest possible date. This action was communicated to the Mayors of both cities, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, and state and federal elected representatives. After transfer to local control, ONT can operate as a low-cost secondary airport in furtherance of airport regionalization and to support the region's economy.

► Passenger Rail & Transit Meetings

SANBAG conducted several Commuter Rail and Transit-related meetings recently to inform the public about projects. In March, public workshops were held in Upland and San Bernardino to discuss improving transit access for bicyclists and pedestrians to buses and trains throughout the Inland Empire. This will guide the development of bicycle facilities and programs in the area over the next several years. Also in March, a public meeting was held at the Santa Fe Depot to discuss the one-mile Downtown San Bernardino Passenger Rail Project that will extend Metrolink service from the historic depot to the future Transit Center at Rialto and "E" Street in San Bernardino. A public scoping meeting to update the public on the Redlands Passenger Rail Project was held in Redlands in April. A second meeting will be held on **May 2, 5-7 pm** (see below).

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MAY 2	Board of Directors	9:30 am
MAY 9	Administrative Comm.	9:00 am
MAY 10	Major Projects Comm.	9:00 am
MAY 16	Plans/Programs Comm.	12:00 pm
MAY 17	Commuter Rail/Transit	12:00 pm
MAY 18	Mountain/Desert Comm.	9:00 am

PUBLIC EVENTS CALENDAR: May

May 2	Redlands Passenger Rail Public Meeting, San Bernardino Hilton	5-7 pm
May 16	Hunts Lane Grade Separation Public Meeting, Cooley Ranch Elementary School, Colton	5-7 pm
May 31	Hunts Lane Grade Separation Groundbreaking, Corner of Hunts Lane and Club Center Drive, border of San Bernardino and Colton	10 am

► Freeway Service Patrol Drivers Honored

The SANBAG Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) Program's Top Driver and Drivers of Excellence for the 2011 calendar year were recognized at the April Board meeting. During 2011, the FSP Program assisted more than 35,000 stranded motorists and received more than 6,000 comments, with a 99.6% overall rating of good or excellent.

For the past four years, the Top Driver and the Drivers of Excellence are selected and recognized. Awards are based on the following criteria:

- The driver must perform a minimum of 1,000 assists during the year for which they are being recognized.
- The driver must not have received any negative reports.
- The driver must not arrive late when starting his/her shift.
- The driver must enter assist data accurately.
- The driver has received compliments from motorists she/he has assisted.



FSP Award-winning drivers (l-r): Josh Tillet, Hector Reyes, Matthews Smith, and Cesar Rendon.

The 2011 Top Driver was **Matthews Smith**, (shown above) with Roy and Dot's Towing of Rialto. Matthews has been with the San Bernardino FSP Program for two years and assisted more than 3,000 motorists in 2011. This is Matthews' second consecutive year to win the top driver award.

The three Drivers of Excellence, who collectively provided more than 5,400 assists during the 2011 calendar year are as follows:

- **Cesar Rendon** of Steve's Towing in Rancho Cucamonga
- **Hector Reyes** of JLM Towing in San Bernardino
- **Josh Tillet** of Pepe's Towing in Colton

These FSP drivers provided more than 8,500 motorist assists in 2011. Congratulations to all 24 FSP drivers who help make the San Bernardino FSP Program a great success.

► SANBAG Employee Recognized

SANBAG President Larry McCallon congratulated Janet Mattsson on her five years of service with SANBAG. Janet is an Administrative Assistant serving the Air Quality and Mobility Department, as well as Fund Administration staff.



Janet Mattsson

► Hunts Lane Grade Separation to Begin

At the April Board meeting, the SANBAG Board awarded the construction contract for the Hunts Lane Grade Separation in the amount of \$16.1 million. The original engineer's estimate for construction was \$25.6 million. This award allows the public outreach and construction phases to move forward on the project. A public meeting is scheduled for May 16, 5-7 pm, at Cooley Elementary School. A groundbreaking ceremony will be held on May 31 at 10 am at the project site (see front page). The project is located on the border between San Bernardino and Colton.

► Citrus-Cherry Interchanges Break Ground

A large crowd turned out for the groundbreaking celebration in Fontana on March 23rd to mark the beginning of construction on the I-10 Citrus and I-10 Cherry Interchanges.



Elected officials from Fontana and surrounding cities, County and SANBAG officials, and State Legislators joined in the ceremony. Both interchanges represent an influx of \$124 million into the regional economy for planning, environmental, design, and construction. Funds were received from State Proposition 1B Trade Corridor Improvement Funds, Federal funds, Measure I, City of Fontana, and the County of San Bernardino. It will take approximately two years to complete both interchanges.